

MAJORITY IN HOUSE FAVOR SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL

Poll of Congressmen By Gardner of Massachusetts Puts Number of Representatives Who Will Vote For Measure At 213

FIGURES LEAVE SAFE MARGIN FOR PRESIDENT

Champ Clark, Speaker of House, Takes the Floor in Final Effort To Break Through the Solid Line of Conscriptors

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—That the Army Bill, containing the provision for "selective drafting" as favored by the President and the military experts, will be passed by the house of representatives by a safe majority was the statement of Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, one of the most ardent workers for conscription and universal service in the lower house.

Mr. Gardner said last night that he has canvassed the house thoroughly on this question and that a poll of the members showed that there are at least 213 of them who will vote for the bill. About 113 are obstinate in their opposition, while eighty have declined to commit themselves either for or against. Even if all of the noncommittal members should vote for the bill this still gives the administration a clear majority of twenty votes on this count. It is believed that the majority for the measure will be much greater than that, and that party lines will be pretty well smashed.

The fighting upon the bill is likely however, to prove hot, for yesterday Champ Clark, Speaker of the house, and one of the leading Democrats in congress, took the floor to speak against the bill. He spoke in favor of the volunteer amendment of the bill and opposing the President's plan for "selective drafting."

"I protest against having the slur of being a conscript placed on the men of Missouri. There is precious little difference between conscript and convict," he declared.

Advocates of selective conscription, without the volunteer amendment, claim that they have a majority of sixty or seventy in the house.

FOOD SITUATION IN SWEDEN GROWS WORSE

People Are Reported Clamoring For Change in Government

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

COPENHAGEN, April 26.—The food situation in Sweden is daily growing worse and the people are clamoring loudly against the government, which they hold responsible for conditions. Reports have been received here of new and serious demonstrations on the part of hungry men and women who demand food.

SUGAR COMPANY'S DIRECTORS IN COLORADO CUT A MELON

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service) DENVER, April 26.—Directors of the Great Western Sugar Company declared a special dividend at a meeting held yesterday. The melon cut amounts to about \$10 a share, and will be paid on fifteen thousand shares. W. L. Peterson of this city, was elected president.

STARVING TURKS DEMAND BREAK WITH KAISERBUND

Food Situation in Constantinople Frightful Report American Bluejackets From United States Station Ship At Golden Horn

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

PARIS, April 26.—Popular sentiment in Turkey is strong for a break with Germany and the conclusion of a separate peace with the Entente Allies, according to information brought here by Americans from Constantinople.

The Americans who arrived yesterday included the members of the crew of the United States gunboat Scorpion, station ship at Constantinople, which was seized recently by the Turkish government in violation of Turkey's alleged neutrality.

Conditions in Constantinople are extremely grave, according to the report of the Americans. Thirty-five thousand people are on the verge of starvation and between sixty and one hundred have already starved to death. Food can be obtained only for gold, and prices are incredibly exorbitant. Sugar costs \$7 a pound, coffee in \$9 and tea \$4.

Germany is greatly alarmed over the public sentiment that her harsh measures have aroused against her on the part of the Turks and fears popular outbreaks. So imminent is the danger of a break with Germany that the German cruiser Goeben lying in the harbor has her guns trained on the city, ready to open a bombardment at the first manifestation of revolt against the tyrannical rule of the German hordes who have virtually seized the government.

It is reported also that there is considerable sympathy in the Turkish army.

CONTROL OF SHIPS WILL BE ASKED FOR

Shipping Board Announces German Steamers Will Be Ready For Service Soon

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The National Council of Defense, after a conference with the federal shipping board yesterday, announced that plans are now under way to seek legislation providing for governmental control of all shipping. If the laws, which will be asked for, are approved by congress, they will give to the President and the shipping board the authority to direct and operate ships where they shall be most needed. It was also announced that many of the German ships which were damaged by their crews in an effort to prevent them from becoming of use to this country, will be fit for service within a few days.

It was also announced last night that contracts for wooden ships will be let by the shipping board within a few days. The board will not operate these ships itself, but plans to charter them.

ANTHRACITE MINERS GIVEN RAISE IN PAY

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 26.—One hundred and seventy-five thousand miners in the anthracite districts have been granted a twenty per cent increase by the mine operators, it was announced here yesterday. The raise in wages was voluntary on the part of the mine owners.

HUGE LOAN HANDED TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today handed to the British ambassador a United States treasury warrant for \$200,000,000—the first war loan by the United States to the Allies, under the terms of the seven billion dollar war bill just passed by congress.

HOUSTON WILL LAUNCH BIG ECONOMY CAMPAIGN

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston yesterday issued a call to the editors of five leading women's magazines to meet him here Monday for a conference at which plans for launching an economy campaign will be taken up.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unusual looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for Hawaii.

MONGOLIA GUNNERS DESTROY A DIVER

Teuton Submarine Is Sent To the Bottom By Gun Nicknamed Teddy Roosevelt

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 26.—The first gun of America's war on Germany has been fired, and it went to the bottom one of Germany's pirating U-boats.

Captain Blue told the story today as follows: "We were going full speed ahead when the submarine appeared. Two minutes after we saw it the submarine submerged and emerged again a thousand yards off. Its intention probably was to catch us broadside but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it. The lieutenant gave the command and the big gun boomed. We saw the periscope shattered and the submarine disappeared."

"The name of the gun was 'Teddy Roosevelt,' so Teddy fired the first gun of the war after all."

NEW YORK, April 26.—The Mongolia left an American port on April 2, bound for Europe. This is her second trip since the German submarine declaration of April 1.

HOARDING SUGAR IS FORCING UP PRICE

Head of Refining Company Reports That Move Has Caused Suspension of Exports

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 26.—The hoarding of sugar by consumers in this country, who are afraid that on account of the war their supply will be cut off or that the price will increase has had the effect, according to a statement made here by President Robert of the American Sugar Refining Company, of causing a suspension of the export business. The sugar men find that they have not sufficient stock available to ship sugar to the Allied nations after supplying the present abnormal demand of American consumers.

ENTENTE WILL NOT ASK FOR COMPACT

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British commission now visiting the United States, said today that the Allies do not think of asking the United States to depart from its traditional policy of political isolation, or to enter any formal alliance with other nations that might prove embarrassing.

He said: "Our confidence in the alliance and in the assurances of the United States is not based on such shallow considerations, as arise from treaties. No treaty exists between the unbounded confidence that the United States, having entered the war, will see it through to the great end we all hope for."

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS FOLLOWING A STORM

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 26.—News came from Germany that the reichstag had adjourned to May 2, after a brief session. The Socialists demanded that the session continue, to discuss the food problem. George Ledebur, leader of the Social Democrats, declared: "Thousands of workmen have been forced to stand in line for food. The reichstag must continue to discuss this problem."

FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK IN ENGAGEMENT

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

PARIS, April 26.—The armistice last night officially reported that a flotilla of German torpedo boat destroyers had been destroyed yesterday morning. British and French destroyers engaged the enemy and drove them off with the loss of one French torpedo boat.

TURKS ROUTED BY ALLIES SUFFER TREMENDOUS LOSS

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LONDON, April 26.—The British drive against the Turks on the west bank of the Shatt el Adhim, not far from the junction of that water way with the Tigris river which has been going forward for several days reached its culmination last night according to official statements issued by the British war office, in a total defeat for the Turks and a tremendous victory for the British under General Maude. The fighting was in the vicinity of Khan Diubulja.

Thousands of Turks were taken prisoners and the Turkish armies, already shattered by the weeks of retreating and succeeded in heavy blows delivered by the British and the Russians fled in disorder, leaving behind them large quantities of supplies, including numbers of cannon of all sizes.

The official reports issued from Constantinople admit "the retirement of our forces in the neighborhood Shatt el Adhim."

The whole defensive plan of the Turks, not only in Persia and Mesopotamia, but also in Armenia, has been completely upset by the success which now exists against Mosul. This town is a long way off still, from the present allied positions, about 175 miles. It must be remembered, however, that the armies here are not retreating but are fighting in a new style. The Turks are outgunned and outgeneraled. They are a beaten army which has already been driven a great many miles in a disastrous retreat and has not the recuperative power of the moral force to turn and fight.

As a matter of fact, in Mesopotamia, where they have been opposed by the British and in Persia against the Russians, their losses in material of all kinds, and in particular in guns, have been so heavy that they have not the means of making much of a resistance of any kind. Therefore this distance, great as it seems, is by no means a difficult thing to accomplish. There are certain things to remember in looking at a map of this part of the Near East.

CHINA WANTS WAR WITH TEUTONS Parliament and Governors Decided Now

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

PEKING, April 26.—At a conference of the provincial and military governors of China held here yesterday, with the premier presiding, it was decided without a single dissenting voice, to declare war upon Germany. Parliament, which was convened immediately afterward by telegraphically in favor of a declaration of open hostilities against the Kaiserbund. The President is reported to be undecided.

Pressing requests from all parts of China for a reorganization of the Chinese military system has led to the establishment of a high military commission with General Yuan Chai, prime minister, as chairman, and Admiral Cheng Pi-kwang, minister of the navy, as vice-chairman. Generals Chang Hsuan, Lan Tien-wel, Chang Tso-ping, Chen Yi, Chiu Yun-peng, Fu Liang-chu, and thirty-four others will serve as commissioners.

HUGE STORE OF DOPE SEIZED BY OFFICERS

More Than Half Million Dollars Value of Captured Narcotics

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 26.—Half a million dollars worth of narcotics that had been smuggled into the country from England and Canada were seized here yesterday by the police, according to an announcement made by them last night. Two persons were arrested in connection with the big seizure.

HEAVY BUYING SENDS UP PRICE OF WHEAT

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

CHICAGO, April 26.—The indications at the close of the wheat market last night were that heavy buying by European governments of May options had much to do with forcing the price up to \$2.52 a bushel. St. Louis reported that milling wheat had sold for \$3 spot cash.

CARRANZA DEFEATS VILLISTA BANDITS

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

EL PASO, April 26.—An engagement in reported between three thousand of Carranza's cavalry and the main body of the Villista army in western Chihuahua. It is stated that the Villistas were routed and many were killed and wounded.

E. F. G. Shackleton, formerly of Walsley, Okla., who has been serving as a private in one of the London Scottish battalions in France and the Balkans is laid up in Salonika, according to news received by a recent mail.

Although the plain of Mesopotamia seems from the map to be an easy place to traverse, it is in fact a rather difficult one, since lines of advance must follow closely the streams. The plain is an arid one, and water is scarce. The canal system, which used to cut across it in so many places in the olden days, has long since fallen into disuse, so that only the remains of the canals are now visible. The only way water can be obtained is from the rivers, and some of them have the habit of trying to completely in the hot summer season.

Since setting England the British have generally stuck to the line of advance up the Tigris and the Diala. Once the junction with the Euphrates was effected, however, they struck across to the northwest, aiming for the town of Kifri, through which there is also a river. There was some possibility for a moment that there would be a battle on the banks of the Diala at the town of Dekke, but there was not even a rear guard action, and the Turkish retreat continued. The line of the Diala has been abandoned and the march to Mosul taken up. Mosul is the second base for the army of the Turks operating against the southern wing of the Russian Armenian army southeast and north of Lake Van. When Mosul falls, the entire Turkish line to the east must fall back.

The Turks, of course, are far from being out of the war, although it is doubtful if, in the east at least, they will ever be of material strength. Even if they were forced back of the Taurus Mountains against Constantinople itself, it does not mean that they are necessarily eliminated. As a matter of fact, many consider that in such a case they would be strategically better off, and there is logic in their contention. The Turks now are scattered in many fields. They have, so far as we know, not over 500,000 men under arms. They have forces in Galicia, in Romania, near Salonika, on the Armenian front, on the Syrian front, in Mesopotamia, and up to a short time ago, on the Persian front.

The commission will conduct the higher naval and military affairs of China, reorganize the army system, make army requisitions, and deal with all questions relating to national defense.

The commissioners have already under consideration the flotation of a \$200,000,000 naval loan proposed by Admiral Cheng Pi-kwang for the purpose of expanding the Chinese navy. It is proposed to construct a modern naval harbor, and to build new cruisers and battleships.

According to a survey just completed by the ministry of war, China has today 458,600 men under arms. This army is distributed as follows: Chihli, 82,000; Hupeh, 19,500; Honan, 34,000; Anhwei, 11,800; Kiangsu, 45,500; Kiangsi, 20,000; Fengtien, 28,500; Kirin, 9,900; Heilungkiang, 12,000; Chihiang, 34,700; Shanhsui, 18,000; Shantung, 16,500; Peking, 8,000; Kansu, 6,000; Shensi, 11,200; Kweichow, 12,000; Szechuan, 17,000; Kwangtung, 38,800; Kwangsi, 14,800; Yunnan, 24,100, and Tibet, 8,000.

BIG DEAL CLOSED IN LOS ANGELES

S. L. Wong Arranges To Buy Goods In Southern California Metropolis

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—S. L. Wong, sales manager of W. W. Diamond & Co., Honolulu, left Los Angeles today for the Islands after having completed contracts that will bring annually thousands of dollars into the coffers of merchants and manufacturers of Southern California.

Wong's mission to Los Angeles was an inspection of the manufacturing and business concerns of the Angel City of the Southwest. He intends, as a result of the knowledge he acquired of Western progress, to buy supplies here instead of in the East, as formerly.

"The difficulties experienced in having goods shipped from the East convinced me that a new locality for buying would have to be found," the wealthy Oriental said. "I decided to try Los Angeles. I had not been in this city for four years, so the wonderful increase in manufacturing capability surprised me immensely."

"I am much gratified as a result of what I learned here. It will result in the expenditure in this city of hundreds of thousands of dollars which otherwise would have gone elsewhere."

LES DARCY AGAIN IS FORBIDDEN TO FIGHT

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 26.—Governor Cox of Ohio today issued an order forbidding Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, from fighting George Chip, the American pugilist, at Youngstown on May 12. Darcy has already been refused a permit to fight in New York on the ground that he is a "slacker" from Australia.

EAST AND WEST IN HILO'S CRIME LIST

Porto Ricans and Filipinos About Even Up Among Indicted Ones On Big Island

(Mail Special to The Advertiser)

HILO, April 26.—There was a great grist of Filipino and Porto Rican defendants before Judge C. K. Quinn in the fourth circuit court last Saturday morning as the result of the deliberations of the grand jury last week. Most of them have been in custody for some time and all of them pleaded not guilty to the charges against them.

Among them was Francisco del Rosario, a Visayan. It took two interpreters to explain to him that he was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of wronging a little girl named Benita at Kihalani, on January 18 last. He pleaded not guilty and his bail was set at \$1000 and he went back to jail. Stephen L. Deane, Jr., was appointed his attorney by the court.

Then there was the curious personality of Molena Kahalo, who was born in the Philippines of a Hawaiian father and a Filipino mother. He returned to Hawaii when eleven years old, and is now charged with assault on Emma K. Kaulahapa, who is under fourteen years of age. He also pleaded not guilty and the court appointed as Judge C. K. Quinn by defense him.

Gabriel Rodriguez, a Porto Rican, is a husky plantation man from Honolulu. It is charged that on March 29 last he assaulted John de Souza and cut him with a knife. He faces a charge of assault and battery to which he pleaded not guilty, and Attorney H. L. Ross was named as his counsel. His bail was set at \$250.

Burglary Charge. The case of Mamou Torre, who is also a Porto Rican and from Honolulu, is one which it is believed will develop some interesting tangents. Torre is accused of stealing brass and copper on April 6, from the Honolulu Sugar Company, valued at over \$50. It is believed to have been a wholesale proposition. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree larceny and the court appointed Judge W. S. Wise to defend him.

Another serious charge was that of burglary in the first degree against Casado de la Cruz, a Filipino of Pahu, who is stated to have entered the room of Felicio Ponse one night recently with the intention of robbing its occupant.

Judge Quinn asked him if he had any money, sugar shocks or other valuable property with which to employ counsel, but the defendant, who had pleaded not guilty, stated that he was "broken" or "tired" words, to the same effect, and the judge named Attorney H. K. Ross as his counsel.

For His Wife's Sake. Then there was Ramon Pandomoso, who perforated his brother-in-law, Ulenio Cruz, with a bullet by mistake, on April 18 last at Honolulu. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and pleaded not guilty. Judge J. S. Perry was named as his attorney.

After Ramon had stood at one side and hit another he took refuge in the main fields. Deputy Sheriff Henry Martin was convinced that his wife was taking food to him in his hiding place, so he had her arrested. The scheme worked for on Friday last Ramon walked into the police station and surrendered. He said he came to give himself up so that his wife could go free.

All of these cases will come before the court during this week to have the cases set for trial.

HONOLULU WEDS IN LOS ANGELES

Romance of J. C. Rapier and Pretty Widow Culminates in Southern California

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—A chance meeting culminated the romance of J. C. Rapier of Honolulu and Mrs. Jennie Reimann, a pretty Seattle widow. The two today are receiving congratulations at the Hotel Alexandria as Mr. and Mrs. Rapier.

The couple met at the San Francisco Exposition in 1915. They drifted apart. Mrs. Reimann returning to Seattle and Rapier going back to Hawaii.

Recently Rapier met with an accident in Honolulu, which necessitated his coming to Los Angeles to recuperate. Arriving here, almost the first person he met was Mrs. Reimann. There is something about the balmy breezes of the Southernland that fosters romance, so the marriage quickly resulted.

The couple were married in Temple Baptist Church by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher. Dr. and Mrs. Pierre Stefens and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lash and Austin Kelly, friends, were witnesses.

After a few days more in Southern California the couple will go to Seattle for a visit with Mrs. Rapier's relatives, and will start on a honeymoon trip that will take them to New York, South America and elsewhere, ending in the Rapier home in Honolulu about next Christmas.

TEUTONIC LOSS ON WEST FRONT STAGGERS EVEN BRITISH FOEMEN

Thousands of Dead Are Picked Up By Entente Working Parties On the Field of Battle, South of the Bloody Arras Sector

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 26.—Thousands of dead Germans are being taken by the British working parties from the places where they were found on the western battle fields and are being buried as rapidly as possible.

The toll of deaths suffered by the Germans in the recent fighting upon the Western Front is staggering, according to the official British reports issued by the British war office last night.

Nor does the loss suffered by von Hindenburg's forces and there, for the British troops are steadily pushing their way forward along their lines between the Scarpe and the Conjeut rivers, a distance of approximately three miles, and last night they had to report the capture of a number of heavy guns, together with some important positions previously held by the Teutons.

What General Haig is evidently attempting, and so far with good success, is the formation of the familiar double salient, with the intention of "squeezing out" the German hold on the Cambrai and the Saint Quentin positions.

While the loss of either of these towns would not be a fatal blow to the Germans holding the so-called Hindenburg lines, the combined loss would make it imperative that part of his troops lying between the two places, and might result in the forcing of a retreat to a still more distant line.

The little village of Billeen was taken by the British yesterday after prolonged fighting in which the Germans lost heavily.

Berlin officially claims that the fighting has been more in favor of the Germans than for some time past, and that the British attacks were beaten back with loss. This, says the official German communique of last night, was particularly true of the fighting in the neighborhood of Monchy Le Preux.

The aerial fighting of the last few weeks is still going forward with tremendous vigor, and yesterday scores of combatants in the air were reported to British headquarters. Fifteen German aeroplanes were brought to the earth by British air men, while six British planes started out and have so far failed to return.

The British official reports announced yesterday that since Monday Tommy Atkins has taken from the Germans more than three thousand prisoners, including fifty-six officers captured at Billeen.

Paris reports that the French have scored substantial gains in Champagne, moving forward last night. The Germans made a futile effort to raid the French trenches but were repulsed, leaving many dead in the wire entanglements.

CABLES AND WIRES TO MEXICO UNDER CENSOR

(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—It was announced last night that the government intends within a short time to put in to full force a censorship of all cables and wires between the United States and Mexico.

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(Associated Press By Naval Radio Service)

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